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TOWN OF BENTON, NH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF TOWN OFFICERS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1993

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TOWN OFFICERS, PHONE NUMBERS AND OFFICE HOURS

Selectmen:	Marjorie Robitzer	787-6053
	John Elliott	787-6781
	John Roden	787-6548

Available the first Monday of each month at the Community Building from 6:30 to 8:30 in the Evening. (787-6541)

Town Clerk:	Lyn Bandy	787-2648
Mondays : 6:30 - 8:30 (Office-787-6541)		

Tax Collector:	Beverly Sousa	787-6790
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Treasurer:	Paula Boutin	787-6232
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Auditor:	Dorothy Elliott	787-6197
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Superv isors:	Catherine Elliott	787-6781
	Sera Harris	787-6368
	Iona Boutin	787-6267

Moderator:	Mark Elliott	787-6013
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Survey of Wood:	Joseph Boutin, Jr.	787-6083
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Road Agent	Dan Elliott	787-6189
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Planning Board:	Catherine Steel	787-6861
	Ken Kealey	787-6084
	Joe Boutin, 111	787-6267
	Jeff Elliott	787-6181

Dog Officer:	Linda Smith,Haverhill	
If need of a dog officer arises call a Selectman first.		

Sexton:	Position unfilled.	
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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS

Term Expires

Board of Selectmen:	Marjorie Robitzer	1994
	John A. Roden	1995
	John Elliott	1996
Moderator:	Mark Elliott	1994
Town Clerk:	Lyn Bandy	1994
Tax Collector:	Beverly Sousa	1994
Treasurer:	Paula Boutin	1994
Auditor:	Dorothy Elliott	1994
Supervisors of The Checklist:		
	Sera Harris	1994
	Catherine Elliott	1995
	Iona Boutin	1996
Surveyor of Wood & Lumber:		
	Joseph Boutin, Jr.	1994
Ballot Clerk:	Michelle Elliott	1994
Ballot Inspector:	Kate Goodwin	1994
Trustees of the Trust Funds:		
	Edward Matz	1994
	Scott Roden	1995
	Joseph Boutin, Jr.	1996

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT WARRANT
State of New Hampshire

GRAFTON S.S.

TOWN OF
BENTON

To the inhabitants of the town of Benton qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Benton Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (the 8th) at seven o'clock in the evening to vote and act upon the following subjects:

Art.1: To choose a Town Clerk, a Treasurer, a Tax Collector, and an Auditor for a term of one year. A Selectman and a Supervisor of the Checklist for three year terms plus any other officers and agents as printed in the Town Report.

Art.2: To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of officers and agents as printed in the Town Report.

Art.3: Shall the town accept the provision of RSA 33-7 providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to issue tax anticipation notes?

Art.4: To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to accept gifts of personal property to the town for any public purposes. This authorization in accordance with RSA 31:95-e shall remain in effect until rescinded by vote.

Art.5: To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to administer or sell any real estate acquired through tax collectors deeds, re RSA 80:80. This will be administered through public auctions, sealed bids, or "as justice may require." This article shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote at town meeting.

Art.6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,218 to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund for fires under RSA 31:19A, established 1992, to replace monies withdrawn during 1993 for fires.

Art.7: Shall the town accept the provisions of RSA 31-95b providing that any town at any annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? This authorization will remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of town meeting.

Art. 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from the Expendable Trust Fund for roads and to designate the selectmen as agents to withdraw from this fund for reconstruction of portions of Howe Hill and Tunnel Brook Road, this money to be separately accounted for and used only on this project. The selectmen recommend the passage of this article.

Art.9: To see if the town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget, to raise and appropriate all sums so determined for said purposes, and to pass any other vote relating thereto.

Art.10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, and in what amount, to be donated to Cottage Hospital.

Art.11: By Petition: To see if the town will vote to

initiate a competitive bid process for all road work/main-
tainance of town roads. Bids to include materials, sup-
plies, labor, insurance/bonding performance guarantees.
All bids will be sealed when received and dated receipt
given. A committee of at least three members to be
selected at town meeting will receive all sealed bids,
make an appropriate selection and make public its reason(s)
for winning bid. All other bids to be kept on file for
public review. The selectmen do not recommend the passage
of this article.
A true copy - Attest

John A. Roden

John G. Elliott

Marjorie L Robitzer

Selectmen of Benton

TOWN MEETING
BENTON, NH
MARCH 9, 1993

Agreeable to the warrant for the annual Town Meeting, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Mark Elliott, at 7:04 PM at the Benton Community Building, in Benton, NH. A motion was made to recess the town meeting and open the school meeting, which was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

Town Meeting re-opened at 8 PM.

Art.1: The following town officers were elected:

Town Clerk	Lyn Bandy	1 year
Selectmen	John Elliott	3 years
Treasurer	Paula Boutin	1 year
Tax Collector	Beverly Sousa	1 year
Auditor	Dorothy Elliott	1 year

Sexton - no individual elected - to be on a volunteer basis for 1 year.

Supervisor	Iona Boutin	3 years
Surveyor	Joseph Boutin, Jr.	1 year
Planning Board	Jeffrey Elliott	
	Joseph Boutin, III	
Trustees	Joseph Boutin, Jr.	3 years

It was noted that Priscilla Boutin, who was retiring as Town Treasurer, has ably filled this position for 40 years.

Art.2: The Town voted to accept the reports of officers and agents as printed in the Town Report.

Art.3: The town voted to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money for current indebtedness in anticipation of taxes collected for the year 1993 and to be re-paid therefrom.

Art.4: The town voted to authorize the Selectmen to administer or sell any real estate acquired through tax collectors deeds.

Art.5: After an amendment to this article, "to transfer any monies remaining from the CRF for the bridge into the CRF for the roads", the town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the CRF for the Tunnel Brook Bridge and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend the fund when final bills are presented.

Art.6: After a motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to be added the CRF or roads, a ballot vote resulted in - No-26 and yes-17. Article & motion rejected.

Art.7: The town voted to leave the CRF for roads inactive for this year.

Art.8: The town voted to accept the estimated budget as printed, \$48,638, plus the \$5,000 in Article 5, making a total of \$53,568 to be raised for the town.

Art.9: The town, after hearing discussions by Sandra Knapp, Administrator at the Glencliff Home for the Elderly and Carol Miles, voted by ballot, 47 opposed, no approvals to using the Glencliff facility for any type of penal establishment.

Art.10: The town voted to accept the sum of \$100 in the names of June & Ira Elliott and Willard & Jane Lucas to be added to the Trust Funds for the cemeteries. Seraphene Harris, who supervised the cleaning and repairs of many of the old stones, spoke on the additions needed to the Veterans Plaque and the fence that needs replacing. She asked for a donation of \$5 per family to help pay for this

work to be done.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM. All new officers were sworn in at the closing.

A true copy - Attest

Lyn Bandy, Town Clerk
Benton, NH

Dog license changes for 1994

Male \$9.00

Female \$9.00

Neutered Male \$6.50

Spayed Female \$6.50

Owners over 65, \$2.00 for first dog.

BUDGET AND SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Esstimate of Revenue

Sources of Revenue	Est.'93	Rec'd.'93	Est.'94
From Local Taxes:			
Yield Taxes	\$6,000	\$4,293	\$6,000
Interest and penalties on taxes	2,000	3,947	2,000
Intergovernmental-State:			
Shared Revenue	5,000	5,827	6,400
Highway-Block Grant	9,442	9,442	9,369
WMNF-Fire Re-Imb.		81	
St. & Fed. forest land re-imbursement	1,090	6,283	4,000
Intergovernmental - Federal			
Nat'l. Forest Res.	8,500	7,429	8,000
Land Entitlement payment in lieu of taxes	2,356	2,360	2,360
Licenses, Permits & Fees			
Motor Vehicle	12,500	15,689	14,500
All others	700	849	850
Vitals Statistics			
Fund (to be paid to state)		131	
Cemetery Lots		120	
Income from Trust Funds	400	238	235
Interest on deposits	650	874	750
Total Town Revenue from all sources except property taxes	48,638	\$ 57,563	\$ 54,464
Less non-reoccurring items		332	
		\$ 57,231.00	

BUDGET AND SUMMARY ANALYSIS
Estimate of Expenditures

Expense Catagory	App.'93	Exp.'93	Est.'94
Selectmens& Expenses	\$1,400	\$1,307	\$1,400
Election & Registrations	500	390	1,500
Financial Admin.	3,000	3,019	3,050
Legal Expenses	500		500
Planning & Zoning	200	42	200
Community Bldg	1,600	1,466	1,600
Cemeteries	350	350	350
Insurance & Bonds	1,800	2,041	2,050
Regl Organizations	800	811	835
Ambulance Service	1,768	1,768	1,768
Fire Protection	2,500	2,500	2,500
Roads	30,000	35,236	35,000
Donations to Hospitals and Clinics	600	600	600
Charitable Organizations	350	350	350
Direct Welfare	500	159	500
Interest on TAN'S	2,500	2,387	2,500
To Paint Town Hall	200		200
Tunnel Brk. Bridge	5,000	4,019	
Deposited on Road CRF		981	
TOTALS	\$53,568	\$57,426	\$54,903

Road Expenditure breakdown:

Winter Roads	\$21,210.00	County Tax	\$ 20,213.00
Summer Roads	10,583.50	Schools	185,254
Mater. & Sup.	3,442.20		
	<u>\$35,235.70</u>		

TOWN OF BENTON

Comparative statement of appropriations and expenditures
for the year ending December 31, 1993

Catagory	Approp- piations	Re-Imburse- ments	Total available	Expendi- tures	Unexpend- ed Balance	Over- draft
Selectmen & Expenses	\$ 1,400	\$	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,307	\$ 93	\$
Elections and Registrations	500		500	390	110	
Financial Administration	3,000		3,000	3,019		19
Legal Expenses	500		500		500	
Planning & Zoning	200		200	42	158	
Community Building	1,600		1,600	1,466	134	
To paint town hall	200		200		200	
Cemeteries	300	225	575	575		
Insurance & Bonds	1,800		1,800	2,041		241
Regional Organizations	800		800	811		11
Ambulance Service	1,768		1,768	1,768		
Fire Protection	2,500	1,217	3,717	3,717		
Roads	30,000	78	30,078	32,236		5,158
Donations - Hospitals and Clinics	600		600	600		
Welfare - Direct	500		500	159	341	
Donaltions to Charitable Services	350		350	350		
Interest on TAN'S	2,500		2,500	2,387	113	
CRF - Bridge	5,000		5,000	4,019		
To CRF-Roads				981		
	\$53,568	\$ 1,520	\$55,088	\$58,868	\$ 1,649	\$ 5,429
Capital Reserve Fund (1988) Roads		\$29,981 plus interest			Net Overdraft	\$ 3,780
Capital Reserve Fund (1992) Fires		2,283 plus interest				

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT

For the Municipality of Benton year ending 1993

	Levy for Yr. of this Report	Prior Levies
DR.	<u>1993</u>	<u>1992</u> <u>1991</u> <u>1990</u>
Uncollected taxes Beg. of year: Property Taxes		\$44,639.55
Taxes Committed This year: Property Taxes	\$207,197.38	
Yield Taxes	\$ 3,692.84	
Overpayments: Property Taxes	\$.02	
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	\$ 14.41	\$ 2,207.22
Collected Inventory Tax Penalties	\$ 80.00	
Total Debits:	\$210,984.65	\$46,846.77
CR.		
Remitted to Tres. During FY: Property Taxes	\$170,653.91	\$44,612.79
Yield Taxes	\$ 3,692.84	
Interest	\$ 14.41	\$ 2,207.22
Discounts Allowed:		
Abatements Made: Property Taxes	\$ 560.88	\$ 26.76
Uncollected Taxes: -end of year Property Taxes	\$36,062.61	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$210,984.65	\$46,846.77

DR.	<u>1992</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>
Unredeemed Liens balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year.	\$ 13,657.20	\$ 9,472.75	\$ 3,364.73
Interest & Costs Coll. After Lien Execution	40.44	626.50	1,058.73
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 13,697.64	\$ 10,099.25	\$ 4,423.46
CR.			
Remittance to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$ 5,872.56	\$ 6,271.85	\$ 3,364.73
Int./ Costs (after Lien Execution)	\$ 40.44	\$ 626.50	\$ 1,058.73
Unredeemed Liens Bal. end of Year.	\$ 7,784.64	\$ 2,750.90	\$ -0-
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 13,697.64	\$ 10,099.25	\$ 4,423.46

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF
THE TRUST FUNDS

Accounts	Prin.-1-1-93	Int.	Prin.-12-31-93
Gen. Trust Funds	\$ 7,375.70	\$ 233.05	\$ 7,375.70
CRF for Roads	33,696.63	809.25	34,505.88
Bridge CRF	939.95	68.33	1,008.28
CRF for Fires	3,500.00		
Fire Withdrawal	1,217.40	68.47	2,351.07

Interest from General Trust Funds distributed as follows:

for 1994 Roads	\$ 55.28		
Cemeteries	116.46		
Schools	61.31	Total	\$ 233.05

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Edward Matz

Scott Roden

Joseph Boutin, Jr.

TREASURERS REPORT

Received from Tax Collector:

Tax sales redeemed - 1990	\$ 3,364.73
Interest and costs	<u>1,058.73</u>
	\$ 4,423.46

Tax sales redeemed - 1991	6,122.06
Interest and costs	544.76
Yield Taxes - 1991	599.79
Interest	<u>71.74</u>
	\$ 7,348.35

Property Tax - 1992	44,612.79
Interest	1,772.22
Tax Sales redeemed	5,872.56
Interest and costs	40.44
Costs after sale	<u>435.00</u>
	\$ 52,733.01

Property Tax - 1993	170,653.91
Yield tax - 1993	3,692.84
Interest	<u>14.41</u>
	\$ 174,361.16

Received from Town Clerk

Motor Vehicle Fees	\$ 15,689.00
Dog Licenses	384.00
Penalties	140.00
Vital Statistics	131.00
Cemetery Lots	<u>120.00</u>
	\$ 16,464.00

Received from Selectmen

Copies of Zoning & Sub-Division Reg.	\$ 20.00
Building Permits	165.00
Sub-division costs	43.36
Current use Registration fees	41.20
Pistol Permits	20.00
Rent of town hall	<u>25.00</u>
	\$ 324.56

Received from Trustees of Trust Funds

For Cemeteries	\$ 159.81
For Highways	<u>78.01</u>
	\$ 237.82

Received from Grafton Co. Courts

Fines	\$ 300.00
	<u>300.00</u>

Received from CRF's	
CRF - Bridge Fund	\$ 4,195.22
CRF - Fire fund	<u>1,217.40</u>
	\$ 5,412.62
Received from Woodsville Guaranty Bank	
T.A.N.	\$ 80,000.00
Interest overpayment	<u>151.78</u>
	\$ 80,151.78
Received from Yield Account	
Transfer to General Account	\$ 4,997.21
	<u>\$ 4,997.21</u>
Received from town yard sale	\$ 65.20
Received from State of N.H.	
Nat'l. Forest Reserve Fund	\$ 21,140.87
State Revenue Sharing	5,827.30
Highway Block Grant	9,441.68
White Mtn. Nat'l Forest-Fire reimb.	<u>80.67</u>
	\$ 36,490.52
Received from U.S. Treasury	
Bureau of Land Management	\$ 2,360.00
Fed. share of Tunnel Brk. Bridge	<u>12,321.46</u>
	\$ 14,681.46
Total Receipts - 1993	\$ 397,991.15
Cash on hand - 12-31-92	461.89
Bank Interest - 1993	<u>690.77</u>
	\$ 399,143.81
Selectmen's Orders	<u>\$ 375,472.40</u>
	\$ 23,671.41
Bank Service Charge	<u>\$ 13.66</u>
Balance on hand 1-1-94	\$ 23,657.75
Yield Account #30502	
Balance 1-1-93	\$ 5,776.58
Deposits - 93	6,340.48
Interest - 93	<u>183.10</u>
	\$ 12,300.16
Withdrawals	<u>\$ 4,997.21</u>
Balance on hand 1-1-94	\$ 7,302.95

TOWN OF BENTON
Report of Town Clerk - December 31, 1993

Motorvehicle Permits Issued	314	\$ 16,103.00
Dog Licenses Issued	89	543.00
Cemetery Lots		120.00
Copies, Lic enses & Search Fees - Vitals		<u>206.00</u>
		\$ 16,972.00
Submitted to Treasurer		
Motor Vehicles		\$ 15,689.00
Dogs		524.00
Copies & Fees		131.00
Cemetery Lots		<u>120.00</u>
		\$ 16,464.00
Fee Retained by Town Clerk		
Motor Vehicles		\$ 414.00
Copies		75.00
Dogs		<u>19.00</u>
		\$ 16,972.00

SELECTMENS REPORT

I am sure that most everyone in town has noticed the changes in the Mt. View and the old East cemeteries in Benton. Seraphene Harris, Iona Boutin and Doris Boutin, along with some other helpers, ran yard sales and bakes sales during the summer and raised enough money to get a lot more work done when the Town appropriation and the Trust Fund Monies ran out. They accomplished more cleaning and repairing of gravestones and then arranged for the front wall at Mt. View cemetery to be repaired and straightened and a new fence installed to replace the old bent and broken pipe fence. David, Michael, Tommy and John Harris all cleaned up the brushy thicket along the east side of Mt. View cemetery and then Joe Boutin, Jr. came down with his equipment and leveled the ground so that this area can be mowed in the future. Rich Saffo mowed the field.

John, Danny, Bruce, Jess and Buck Elliott, Sam and Lewis Boutin, Bill Harris and Ed Matz all helped to keep our cemeteries mowed. To all these people, - A BIG THANKS.

We had so many rainy weekends last summer that our good intentions to finish painting the Community Building came to naught. Everyone has personal household chores to do on weekends and we just plain ran out of time. We shall tackle that job this summer and expect to do better.

The fire funds were used as follows:

Money allotted - Twin St. Mutual Aid	\$ 1,000
N. Haverhill Fire Co.	750
Haverhill Corn. Fire Co.	750
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	\$2,5000

North Haverhill Fire Co. responded to two calls during

1993. May 1993 - Frank Pesce Residence \$486.00
 Oct. 1993 - Nerantzinis & Katsaros
 house, Tunnel Brk. Rd.

Eng. #2, 2½ Hrs @ \$300	750.00
Eng. #1, 2½ Hrs. @ 300	n/c (Stand by)
Tank #1, 2½ Hrs. @ 150	375.00
Bath Tank #1 2Hrs. @ 150	n/c Twin State
Bath Tank #3 2Hrs. @ 150	n/c Twin State
13 men (NHFD) 2½Hrs. @ 6.00 per Hr. per man	195.00
8 men from Bath FD 2Hrs. @ 6.00	n/c Twin State
4 men from NHFD on 10-05-93 for investigation	
with fire marshall, 3Hrs.	n/c

Total Nerantzinis Fire 1,320.00

GROSS TOTAL \$ 1,806.00

Credit from Contract 750.00

\$ 1,056.00

We also had a small woods fire in Gregorys woods - cost \$161.40. This was extinguished by local residents who were paid a small amount by the town. Bill Harris collected ½ of this bill from the WMNF later but the total withdrawn from the CRF for fires was \$1,217.40 to cover all fires. This is the total that needs to be put back into the CRF to bring that account back up to \$3,500.

During late summer, the Town hosted a gathering of the Rainbow Family, a loosely knit group of naturalistic roamers. Despite the towns worries about the impact of up to 1000 campers in the National Forest, the Forest Service, the Sheriffs department and the State Police all co-operated and it turned out to be a peaceful gathering. The woods and roads were 100% cleaned up when they left.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS
By Selectmen

Selectmen:

Salaries:	Marjorie Robitzer	\$ 500.00
	John Elliott	300.00
	John Roden	300.00

Expenses:

Milage, Notices, etc.	207.00
	\$ 1,307.00

All Other Town Officers:

Salaries:	Dorothy Elliott, Auditor	\$ 50.00
	Beverly Sousa, Tax Collector	300.00
	Paula Boutin, Treasurer	300.00
	Joseph Boutin, Jr. Surveyor	
	of Wood & Lumber	100.00
	Lyn Fandy, Town Clerk	300.00
		\$ 1,050.00

General Office Expenses:

Supplies, telephone, postage and copier fees	\$ 675.74
Notices	33.00
Reg. of Deeds, Tax Liens, Currents use Regs, etc.	454.30
Animal Control Expenses	91.53
1992 Town Reports	575.00
Town Clerk Fees	139.00
	\$ 1,968.57

Community Building:

Electric	\$ 291.26
New England Telephone	324.80
Fuel Oil	813.94
Oil Burner Cleaning, etc.	35.50
	\$1,465.50

Fire Department

Twin State Mutual Aid	\$ 1,000.00
North Haverhill Fire Co.	750.00
Haverhill Corner Fire Dept.	750.00
Overruns: Nerantzini Fire	1,056.00
Gregory Woods Fire	161.40
	\$3,717.40

Planning and Zoning:	\$ 42.16
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Discounts, abatements and Refunds	643.28
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Deposited for CRF for Roads (bridge remainder)	980.92
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County Tax	20,213.00
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State of NH, record search	169.00
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Schools	185,254.32
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Roads:

Summer Expenses	\$ 10,583.50
Winter Expenses	21,210.00
Material & Supplies	<u>3,442.20</u>
	\$ 35,235.70

Tunnel Brook Bridge:

White Mountain National Forest	\$ 12,321.46
Town	<u>8,214.30</u>
	\$ 20,535.76

Regional Organizations:

NH Municipal Assn.	\$ 500.00
North Country Council	255.61
NH Assoc of Assessors	20.00
NH Tax Collectors Assn.	15.00
NH Town Clerks Assn.	<u>20.00</u>
	\$ 810.61

Insurance & Bonds:

Poulos Insurance	\$ 891.00
Franconia Insurance, Bonds	325.00
Franconia Insurance, Workmens Comp.	<u>825.00</u>
	\$ 2,041.00

Hospitals & Clinics

\$ 600.00

Ambulance Service

\$ 1,767.50

Public Welfare:

Donations, Community Action Program	\$ 175.00
Senior Citizen Org.	175.00
Direct Welfare	<u>159.21</u>
	\$ 509.21

Cemeteries

\$ 575.00

Taxes Bought by Town

\$ 13,657.20

Interest

\$ 2,539.17

Tax Anticipation Notes (TAN'S)

\$ 80,000.00

Elections and Registrations:

Catherine Elliott	\$ 61.60
Seraphene Harris	61.60
Iona Boutin	61.60
Mark Elliott	30.80
Lyn Bandy	30.80
Marjorie Robitzer	30.80
John Roden	30.80
John Elliott	30.80
Supplies & Notices	<u>51.00</u>
	\$ 389.80

Total Payments:

\$375,472.10

Selectmen of Benton

TOWN OF BENTON
Summary of Inventory Valuation

Land, Improved and Unimproved:

Under Current Use - 1,558.6 acres	\$ 140,250
All other - 5,761.0 Acres	<u>3,342,470</u>
Total: Taxable Land	\$ 3,482,720

Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable -- 26,604 acres

(assessed at \$6,838,090)

Housing:

Residential and allied buildings	\$ 4,442,910
Manufactured Housing	<u>329,040</u>
	\$4,771,950

Tax Exempt buildings assessed at \$337,530

Public Utilities:

New England Hydro-transmission	\$ 951,660
New England Power	33,470
NH Elec. Coop.	<u>235,990</u>
Total Assessments:	\$ 1,221,120
Total Town Assessments:	\$ 9,475,790
Less Elderly Exemptions (2)	<u>10,000</u>
	\$ 9,465,790

BENTON - NON-TAXABLE PROPERTY

St. of NH, old LaBounty Place	0.5 Acres	\$ 1,140
St. of NH - Forest Division	401 Acres	112,280
St. of NH Home For the Elderly	107 Acres	202,150
US Forest Serv., Dept. of Agr.	23,604 Acres	6,609,120
Town of Benton, High St. Cem.	0.6 Acres	1,360
Tunnel Br. Bridge Corner	0.3 Acres	680
Graveyard Field	1.3 Acres	2,950
Mtn. View Cemetery	0.9 Acres	2,040
E. Cemetery, Rt 116	0.3 Acres	680
Old Town Hall Lot	0.05 Acres	110
N. Benton Union Society	0.7 Acres	1,590
Benton Bible Chapel-parsonage	1.7 Acres	55,310
Benton Bible Chapel	1.4 Acres	<u>130,260</u>
Total Assessments		\$7,175,620
Town Hall-land and buildings		55,590
Furnishings and Equipment		<u>2,3000</u>
Grand Total		\$7,233,510

MATERIAL & SUPPLIES

Blacktop	6-10-93		\$ 241.60	
	10-20-93		235.20	<u>\$476.80</u>
Browns Concrete	02-11-93	Chloride	44.40	
	02-18-93	Chloride	74.00	
	07-23-93	culvert	96.00	<u>\$ 214.40</u>
Morril Construction	05-03-93	Gravel	36.00	
	07-05-93	Gravel	42.00	
	07-29-93	Gravel	24.00	<u>\$ 102.00</u>
Ides	01-19-93	Chloride,	139.50	
	01-29-93	Halite	276.70	
	02-27-93	and	87.65	
	10-18-93	Poly	176.19	<u>\$ 680.04</u>
Mower Rental			275.00	
Steamer Rental (2)			300.00	
Road Sweeper Rental			125.00	
Dozer & Backhoe Rental			400.00	<u>\$1100.00</u>
Agway	12-29-93	Rock Salt	\$ 96.96	
Blaisdell Sand & Gravel			\$ 147.00	
Dan Elliott, Sand @ 2.50			<u>\$ 625.00</u>	
				<u>\$3,442.20</u>

ROAD REPORT

January 1993 started off with more snow than we've seen in a long time. We were getting hit with one storm right after another. There was talk of getting some Federal relief for that storm, the blizzard of mid-March, but none ever materialized. This storm season started off heavy again in December.

Back in the spring we had heavy run-offs from all the snow, which caused problems with culverts and ditches. Summer maintenance involved just the basic work, gravel here and there, grading, coldpatching, mowing roads and repairing repairs.

People complain about the roads being rough, but last year no one wanted to expend any of the funds in the Capital Reserve Fund for road repairs, nor add anything to it to have it grow. We need to start a rebuilding project. The Selectmen have one in the warrant which I hope is supported.

Finally, we live in a different society today than years ago. People used to be patient and understanding, Now its a case of, "I want it now!" and now caring what the cost is until the bill comes in, of course. The first snowflake falls and the phone starts ringing. People will say they have new tires, (all season radials, a fancy summer tread in my opinion) and still can't go. With the rugged winters we can have, and rough back roads and hills, I figure you ought to be looking for the work "snow" in front of "tires" if you really want a chance of going anywhere this time of year. Think about it.

Dan Elliott

MONTHLY ROAD BILLS

January:

plow, sand.....\$2,775.00
culvert, ditches
equip., labor\$ 900.00

February:

plow, sand\$3,100.00
culverts, ditches,
labor, equip.,
move snow banks\$1015.00

March:

regular plow, sand\$1595.00
cost of blizzard
and clean up\$1575.00
culverts, ditches
equip., labor\$1560.00

April:

plow, sand\$ 950.00
culverts, ditches
equip., labor\$1680.00
equip., labor, repairs\$ 475.00

May & June:

equip., labor
regular maint.\$2438.00

July:

equip., labor
regular maint.\$3450.00

August & September:

equip., labor
regular maint.\$1866.50

October:

equip., labor
regular maint.\$2029.00
winter maint.\$ 899.00

November:

equip., labor
regular maint.\$1420.00
sand\$ 200.00

December:

plow, sand\$2900.00
equip. labor
repairs, regular maint.\$1065.00

FINAL REPORT ON TUNNEL BROOK
BRIDGE

The final figures came in just a bit under the estimate, as follows:

Total Costs:	State of NH	\$ 215,907.30
	W.M.N.F.	25,908.88
	Town of Benton	<u>17,272.58</u>
		\$ 259,088.76

First Half;

\$ 22,645.70	W.M.N.F.	\$ 13,587.42
	Town	9,058.28

Second Half:

\$ 20,535.76	W.M.N.F.	\$ 12,321.46
	TOWN	8,214.30

C.R.F. for Bridge -	\$ 17,000.00
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Interest	<u>1,253.58</u>
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Total Available	\$ 18,253.50
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Total Cost	<u>\$ 17,272.58</u>
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Balance	\$ 980.92
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Deposited in C.R.F. for roads

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' 1993 REPORT TO TOWN

Grafton County Commissioners would like to take this opportunity to present our report to the citizens of Grafton County. We continue our goals of efficient county services and work diligently to maintain prudent budgets and tax requirements.

In keeping with the Town of Littleton's theme of "Our Volunteers", we are proud to pay tribute to the many volunteers serving the county home, the correctional facility and other agencies, schools, hospitals, etc., throughout Grafton County.

At the Grafton County Department of Corrections we are blessed to have Dick and Betty Abbott teaching two Threshold/Decisions classes a year, which has appreciably reduced the recidivism rate. We also commend Bruce Newton for his work in alcohol and narcotics programs, Kathy Lovell for her substance abuse counselling program and Ralph Hysong for special services.

The Grafton County Nursing Home receives many volunteer hours from local citizens and the RSVP program. The Nursing Home holds a special Recognition Day to honor these valuable volunteers.

The Commissioners nominate individuals and groups to receive the Governor's Volunteer Recognition award in September. This year's individual award went to Leslie Backstrom for bringing new programs, volunteers and funds to the Warren school, and the Grafton County RSVP Knitters Group received the group award for 12,000 hours and 1400

knit items completed and distributed to schools, hospitals and other agencies.

WE apologize for not being able to recognize all volunteers in this short space. However, we are fortunate to have so many throughout Grafton County that it would be hard to name them all.

Grafton County Commissioners have had an active year working on long range planning for equipment and space needs and on other progressive projects such as the expansion to the Nursing Home's Special Needs Unit. The County Corrections Facility is now using electronic monitoring at inmate expense to allow house arrest, and the County Farm has reduced its payroll with the installation of a new milk line system. As with towns, we continue to be frustrated by ever expanding federal and state cost shifting.

In closing, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to local officials, agencies and the public for cooperating in our efforts to better serve the citizens of Grafton County. And please remember that the Commissioners are at your service for local government education forums and slid show presentations.

Respectfully,

Grafton County

Betty Jo Taffe
Parbara B. Hill
Ray S. Burton

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AGENCY - LITTLETON, NH

1993 TOWN REPORT

THE North Country Home Health Agency is a non-profit home care Agency, founded in 1971, providing acute care and a long term care option at home to support patients and families in meeting health care needs. Care is provided pre- and post- hospitalization and as an alternative to residential long-term care.

The Agency's philosophy is that health care should be community based, patient and family centered, support and empower the individual and prioritize the least restrictive care alternatives.

In the Agency service area (Northern Grafton and Southern Coos Counties) 590 clients received 35,000 home visits representing 56,000 hours of care. In the town of Benton visits were provided as follows:

Nursing 13
Home Health Aide 4

Over 1700 individuals were served at Agency sponsored influenza immunization, blood pressure, blood sugar and foot care clinics.

75-80 individuals are employed, representing 47-50 full time equivalent employees.

A major expansion of services is forthcoming in 1994; the agency will seek Medicare Hospice Certification which will assist persons with a terminal illness and their families by providing specialized benefits. A New Hampshire Charitable Foundation grant was received by the agency to support the development of hospice services.

The Agency raised \$40,689 through voluntary contributions during 1993, and offered \$98,281 in free and subsidized care to individuals and families. Voluntary funds were generated by individual donations, memorials, the annual appeal, the golf tournament, and the casino night.

Combining the efforts and energy of a dedicated staff, the Agency recruited numerous volunteers (consisting of board members and community residents) who contributed over 2200 volunteer hours.

The agency appreciates the support of area residents in the provision of services. Please feel free to call if you have any questions or if we may be of assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary E. Presby, Executive Director

WHITE MTN. MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Dear Selectmen,

This letter is being written to request that you include us in your Town Report. In view of the difficult economic times, we are asking for level funding this year. As in 1993, our request for 1994 will be \$565.

Please be aware that our organization serves a significant number of uninsured individuals from Benton who are not funded by any other source. We use town contributions to support services to those individuals.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our request or services, please feel free to call me at 444-5358. If you would prefer, I would be happy to attend your Budget Committee Meeting if you would notify me of the date and time. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jane C. MacKay, CCSW

Area Director

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION

Again this year, Tri-County Community Action Program, a private not-for-profit agency, requests funding assistance for our Outreach Program in Benton, in order to provide necessary social services. For 1994, we would like to request \$200.00 from your town.

Our outreach Coordinator, Sylvia Kinne, at the Woodsville Outreach Center has salary and office expenses paid for three months of the year by the Fuel Assistance Program Grant that we receive. The funds to keep the local Outreach office open the additional nine months of the year come from your town and those of your neighbors, some of the Community Shelter Grant funds, and from some of the N.H. Emergency Shelter Grant funds.

Because of the reduction in federal funds received for our Outreach Program, we are asking for your continued financial assistance with a modest increase.

In summary, this past year the Woodsville Outreach Center has served 10 households consisting of 24 people for the town of Benton plus providing them with 61 client service units. In addition, we have provided area families with \$26,200.97 in direct services or products. Families in the town of Benton received \$2,000.00 in fuel assistance.

If you have any questions regarding these services or this request, I shall be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Carleton R. Lord

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REPORT 1993

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provides services to older residents of Benton through Haverhill Area Senior Services include home delivered meals, a senior dining room program, transportation, adult day care, outreach and social work services, health screening and education, recreation, information and referral, as well as opportunities for older individuals to be of services to their communities through volunteering.

Any Benton resident over the age of 60 or members of his/her family are eligible to use the services of GCSCC. Handicapped individuals under the age of 60 may also be served through these programs. Although there are no charges for the services, the Agency does request contributions toward the cost of services.

During 1993, 6 older Benton residents were served through all of GCSCC's programs these individuals enjoyed nourishing meals in the senior dining rooms or delivered to their homes, used transportation services to travel to medical appointments, to grocery stores, to do personal errands or to the Senior Center, volunteered hours of time, energy and talent to support services of the community, used the services of our social worker. Services for Benton residents were instrumental in supporting these individuals as they attempted to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care despite physical frailties.

Our staff works closely with other agencies, providing services to older people in the community, our goals for the future include additional efforts to assist older Benton residents and their families in taking advantage of available programs and services which will improve the quality of their lives and enable them to remain independent in their town community.

GCSCC very much appreciates the support of the Benton community for services which enhance the independence of older residents of Benton.

Carol W. Dustin, ASCW
Executive Director

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL
1993 REPORT

1993 has been a busy year for North Country Council. Our membership stands at forty-four communities, representing 99 percent of the region's population.

The year has seen major successes under the Council's senior staff leadership: David Beauchesne, Regional Planning Coordinator; Cathy Conway, Civil Engineering and Coordinator; Claire Douglass, Community Planning Coordinator; and Liz Ward, Small Business Development Coordinator. This team has supervised projects that run the gamut from master planning and sewer system designs to traffic corridor planning, GIS mapping and micro-enterprise lending. Marghie Seymout, our solid waste Planner, continues to provide valuable assistance to the region's solid waste management. Sharon Penney, Transportation Planner, has been providing the support and guidance for the Council's ISTEA Transportation Planning Program. This new program will give NCC members a much greater say in how the NH Department of Transportation prioritizes transportation construction activities in the North Country in the future.

Other activities completed this year include the third annual business survey, the North Country Ingenuity Fair, household hazardous waste collections, wood products market development planning, business counseling, region-wide computerized wetlands mapping, Northern Forest Lands representation, Floodzone management, completion of an industrial environmental site assessment, completion of feasibility studies for industrial development, design of solid waste transfer stations, implementation of the rural plastic recycling program, and regional telecommunications system planning.

In October, the Council celebrated its 20th anniversary year of service to the region with a gathering of former board members, friends, community representatives and staffers in Franconia, our old home town.

The Council is here to serve you. If there is any service we can provide, please do not hesitate to call me or Berta Clark, our Executive Secretary, at our offices in Littleton (444-6303)

Sincerely,
Preston S. Gilbert
Executive Director

COTTAGE HOSPITAL

January 11, 1994

Board of Selectmen
Town of Benton
Benton, NH

Dear Members of the Board:

During 1993, Cottage Hospital had 48 inpatient admissions and 276 outpatient visits from residents of the town of Benton. This hospital also recognized \$58,703 of uncompensated care for Benton residents during 1993. (Uncompensated care includes free care, bad debt and contractual allowances.)

In 1993, residents of Benton voted down the hospital's request for funds to upgrade the Birthing Center at Cottage Hospital. With funds voted by other towns in our service area we were able to upgrade the Birthing Center, however, this year we are requesting the Town of Benton appropriate \$1,000 to be designated for orthopedic and other much needed capital equipment.

We are excited as we begin 1994, having ending 1993 with the successful recruitment of Dr. Aaron Solnit, Family Practitioner, Dr. Loren Solnit, Pediatrician, Dr. Fay Homan, Family Practitioner, Dr. Mary-Catherine Gennaro, Family Practitioner, and Dr. Victor Gennaro, Orthopedic Surgeon.

Every effort is being made to bring several more primary

care physicians to our service are to help meet the healthcare needs. We need the financial support of each community we serve to continue our pledge to serve you in providing quality care with a personal touch to members of your community.

Sincerely,

Reginald J. Lavoie
Administrator

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE
FOREST RANGER

During Calendar Year 1993, the State of New Hampshire experienced an average number of wildfires. The three leading causes of these wildfires were campfires left unattended, unsupervised children and debris fires that escaped control. All of these fires are preventable, But ONLY with your help.

Please help your town and state forest fire officials with forest fire prevention. New Hampshire State Law (RSA 224:27 11) requires that, "No person, firm or corporation shall kindle or cause to be kindled any fire or burn or cause to be burned any material in the open, except when the ground is covered with snow, without first obtaining a written fire permit from the Forest Fire Warden of the town where the burning is to be done." Violations of RSA 224:27 11 and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$1,000 and/or a year in jail and you are also liable for all fire suppression costs. The State of N.H. Division of Forests and Lands assisted many towns in wildland fire suppression during 1993 and participated in many fire prevention programs. This year, the nation is celebrating Smokey Bear's 50th anniversary. The State of New Hampshire Forest Protection Bureau will be working with many communities to spread the fire prevention message - "Remember, only you can prevent forest fires. Fire prevention is the most

cost effective fire suppression tool. Please be careful
around fires and help us and our communities have a
fire safe year."

"REMEMBER...SMOKEY HAS FOR FIFTY YEARS."

FOREST FIRE STATISTICS - 1993

	STATE	DISTRICT	TOWN OF BENTON
Number of fires	545	15	
Acres Burned	224	12.8	

John Q. Ricard
Forest Ranger

William Harris
Forest Fire Warden

MARRIAGES

Judith A. Vittum		
John P. Richwagon	October 9, 1993	Center Haverhill, NH

BIRTHS

Andrea Margaret Elliott	January 29, 1992	
Parents: Linda & Jeff Elliott		Cottage Hospital Woodsville, NH
Richard Eugene Saffo, Jr.	May 2, 1992	
Parents: Veronica & Richard Saffo, Jr.		Littleton Hospital Littleton, NH
Chelsea Patricia Lynn McKean	January 19, 1992	
Parents: Debra & Shawn McKean		Cottage Hospital Woodsville, NH
Dillon Scott White	January 21, 1993	
Parents: Patricia & Scott White		Dartmouth-Hitchcock W. Lebanon, NH
Philip Lawrence Mayo	November 1, 1993	
Parents: Jeff & Lynn Mayo		Littleton Hospital Littleton, NH

DEATHS

Deceased:			Born:
Jan. 18, 1993	Woodrow Wilson	Glenclyff	9-14-14
Apr. 16, 1993	Evelyn Emery	"	11-13-01
Apr. 21, 1993	Lee Young, Jr.	"	2-12-29
Apr. 22, 1993	Gertrude GAdak	"	8-21-01
Apr. 28, 1993	Blanche Palmer	"	10-28-15
May 28, 1993	Marie Arel	"	8-15-15
Nov. 21, 1993	Russel Stone	"	1-25-06
Dec. 31, 1993	Walter Richards	"	1-02-37

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT OFFICERS
SCHOOL BOARD

Stefan Cimikowski	Term Expires 1994
Laurie Elliott	Term Expires 1995
Scott Roden	Term Expires 1996

OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS

John Elliott, Jr.	Moderator
Maxine Tyler	Treasurer
Dorothy Elliott	Auditor
Lyn Bandy	Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Douglas B. McDonald, Ed.D.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Keith M. Pfeifer, Ph.D.
Linda J. Nelson

BENTON
SCHOOL WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Benton in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 8 day of March, 1994, at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

- ARTICLE 1: To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
- ARTICLE 2: To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 3: To choose one Member of the School Board, for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE 4: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 5: To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
- ARTICLE 6: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
- ARTICLE 7: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Benton this 24 day of January, 1994.

Scott Roden, Chairman

Stefan Cimikowski

Laurie Elliott
BENTON SCHOOL BOARD

Annual School District Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 1993
Benton Town Hall

Lyn Bandy - School District Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by the Moderator, John G. Elliott, with 75 townspeople present. Elliott read the warrant and the following action was taken

- ARTICLE 1: To choose a Moderator for the coming year. John G. Elliott was reelected on a nomination by Laurie Elliott, seconded by Jeff Elliott. Nominations were closed and the clerk cast one ballot.
- ARTICLE 2: To choose a clerk for the coming year. Lyn Bandy was reelected on a nomination by Scott Roden, seconded by Maxine Tyler. The Moderator was asked to cast one ballot.
- ARTICLE 3: To choose a member of the school board for a term of three years. On a nomination by Laurie Elliott and a second by J.B. Boutin, Scott Roden was reelected when nominations closed and the clerk cast one ballot.
- ARTICLE 4: To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year. Maxine Tyler was unopposed and reelected to the position with a nomination by Laurie Elliott and a second by Ed Matz. The clerk cast one ballot.
- ARTICLE 5: To hear reports of agents, committees or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto. Scott Roden made a motion to accept the report as written, seconded by Ed Matz and passed on a voice vote.
- ARTICLE 6: To see if the District will vote to enter into a three year tuition agreement for Benton pupils with the Haverhill Cooperative School District for the 1993-1994, 1994-1995 and 1995-1996 school years. After a motion to accept the article as written by Ed Matz, with a second by Laurie Elliott, a period of discussion was held. The Haverhill School District is offering us a five (5) percent discount if we make a three year commitment to tuition our children to their school. Voting was by paper ballot; 61 ballots cast and the tally was 2 blanks, 1 spoiled, 20 NO and 39 YES.
- ARTICLE 7: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of the schools, for the salaries of school

district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town. A motion was made by Scott Roden to raise and appropriate \$215,773. for the support of the schools, seconded by Laurie Elliott. This figure based on a projected enrollment of 36 children, tuition costs of \$1,805. for kindergarten, \$3,610. for grades 1-4, grades 5-8 at \$4,560 and 9-12 at \$5,367.50. The article was accepted on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Maxine Tyler moved that we adjourn which was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

Lyn Bandy
Benton School Clerk

BUDGET WORKSHEET BY FUNCTION
01/24/94

RENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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1-GENERAL FUND

EXPENSE ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	***** BUDGET	1992-1993 ***** ACTUAL	* 1993-1994 * BUDGET	* 1994-1995 * BUDGET	+/-
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS	FUNCTION	* 126,070.00	117,937.50	146,395.00	194,952.00	48,557.00
1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS	FUNCTION	* 38,801.00	35,451.82	40,334.00	36,922.00	3,412.00-
1300 VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS	FUNCTION	* 650.00	993.00	1,480.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
1420 SUMMER SCHOOL	FUNCTION	* 3,251.00	3,239.00	2,862.00	970.00	510.00-
2150 SPEECH AND AUDIOLOGY	FUNCTION	* 350.00	200.00	200.00	3,263.00	401.00
2159 SPEECH-SUMMER SCHOOL	FUNCTION	* 2,393.00	2,600.76	2,441.00	2,552.00	200.00-
2311 SCHOOL BOARD	FUNCTION	* 16.00	16.00	16.00	111.00	111.00
2312 CLERK OF THE BOARD	FUNCTION	* 86.00	75.35	94.00	94.00	16.00-
2313 DISTRICT TREASURER	FUNCTION	* 32.00	17.22	33.00	33.00	
2314 ELECTIONS AND DISTRICT MEETINGS	FUNCTION	* 30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	
2317 AUDIT	FUNCTION	* 4,894.00	4,847.00	5,527.00	4,610.00	917.00-
2321 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT	FUNCTION	* 500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00-	
2390 OTHER SUPPORT SERV-CEN ADM	FUNCTION	* 14,250.00	14,209.00	14,220.00	14,220.00	
2552 TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL	FUNCTION	* 1,494.00	1,377.20	1,296.00	1,500.00	204.00
2553 HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION	FUNCTION	* 192,817.00	181,293.85	215,773.00	200.00	145.00-
2558 SS HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION	FUNCTION				262,946.00	47,173.00
1 GENERAL FUND	FUND	** 192,817.00	181,293.85	215,773.00	262,946.00	
	DISTRICT TOTAL	**** 192,817.00	181,293.85	215,773.00	262,946.00	47,173.00

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
#824
I-GENERAL FUND

BUDGET WORKSHEET BY FUNCTION
01/24/94

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EXPENSE ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	***** BUDGET	***** ACTUAL	* 1993-1994 * BUDGET	* 1994-1995 * BUDGET	+/-
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FUNCTION 2150 SPEECH AND AUDIOLOGY

2150 SPEECH AND AUDIOLOGY	FUNCTION TOTAL *	3,251.00	3,239.00	2,862.00	3,263.00	401.00
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FUNCTION 2159 SPEECH-SLIPPER SCHOOL

310 INSTRUCTION SERVICES	OBJECT TOTAL *	350.00		200.00		200.00-
2159 SPEECH-SLIPPER SCHOOL	FUNCTION TOTAL *	350.00		200.00		200.00-

FUNCTION 2311 SCHOOL BOARD

110 REGULAR SALARIES	OBJECT TOTAL *	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	
230 FICA	OBJECT TOTAL *	7.00	34.41	35.00	36.00	1.00
572 LIABILITY INSURANCE	OBJECT TOTAL *	1,500.00	1,512.00	1,500.00	1,525.00	25.00
540 ADVERTISING	OBJECT TOTAL *	45.00	224.40	90.00	150.00	60.00
610 SUPPLIES	OBJECT TOTAL *	20.00	27.05			
810 FEES AND FEES	OBJECT TOTAL *	371.00	352.90	366.00	391.00	25.00
2311 SCHOOL BOARD	FUNCTION TOTAL *	2,393.00	2,600.76	2,441.00	2,552.00	111.00

FUNCTION 2312 CLERK OF THE BOARD

370 STATISTICAL SERVICES	OBJECT TOTAL *	16.00	16.00	16.00		16.00-
2312 CLERK OF THE BOARD	FUNCTION TOTAL *	16.00	16.00	16.00		16.00-

FUNCTION 2313 DISTRICT TREASURER

110 REGULAR SALARIES	OBJECT TOTAL *	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	
230 FICA	OBJECT TOTAL *		5.35	6.00	6.00	
532 POSTAGE	OBJECT TOTAL *	16.00		18.00	18.00	
610 SUPPLIES	OBJECT TOTAL *					
2313 DISTRICT TREASURER	FUNCTION TOTAL *	86.00	75.35	94.00	94.00	

BUDGET WORKSHEET BY FUNCTION
01/24/94

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
82
1-GENERAL FUND

EXPENSE ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	***** BUDGET	***** ACTUAL	* 1993-1994 * BUDGET	* 1994-1995 * BUDGET	+/-
FUNCTION 2314 ELECTIONS AND DISTRICT MEETINGS						
110 REGULAR SALARIES	OBJECT TOTAL	*	16.00	32.00	32.00	
230 FICA	OBJECT TOTAL	*	1.22	1.00	1.00	
2314 ELECTIONS AND DISTRICT MEETINGS	FUNCTION TOTAL	*	17.22	33.00	33.00	
FUNCTION 2317 AUDIT						
390 OTHER PURCHASED PROF SERVICES	OBJECT TOTAL	*	30.00	30.00	30.00	
2317 AUDIT	FUNCTION TOTAL	*	30.00	30.00	30.00	
FUNCTION 2321 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT						
351 SAL SERVICES	OBJECT TOTAL	*	4,847.00	5,527.00	4,610.00	917.00-
2321 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT	FUNCTION TOTAL	*	4,847.00	5,527.00	4,610.00	917.00-
FUNCTION 2390 OTHER SUPPORT SERV-GEN ADM						
399 OTHER MAINTENANCE SERVICES	OBJECT TOTAL	*	500.00	500.00	500.00	
2390 OTHER SUPPORT SERV-GEN ADM	FUNCTION TOTAL	*	500.00	500.00	500.00	
FUNCTION 2552 TRANSFORMATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL						
513 FIFTH TRANS-OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	OBJECT TOTAL	*	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	
521 PROPERTY INSURANCE	OBJECT TOTAL	*	209.00	220.00	220.00	
2552 TRANSFORMATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL	FUNCTION TOTAL	*	14,209.00	14,220.00	14,220.00	
FUNCTION 2553 HANDICAPPED TRANSFORMATION						
513 FIFTH TRANS-OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	OBJECT TOTAL	*	1,494.00	1,296.00	1,500.00	204.00

RENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
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RUDGET WORKSHEET BY FUNCTION
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EXPENSE ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	***** RUDGET	1992-1993 ***** ACTUAL	* 1993-1994 RUDGET	* 1994-1995 RUDGET	+/-
FUNCTION 2553 HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION						
CONTINUED						
2553 HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION	FUNCTION TOTAL *	1,494.00	1,377.20	1,296.00	1,500.00	204.00
FUNCTION 2558 SS HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION						
513 PUPIL TRANS-OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	OBJECT TOTAL *			345.00	200.00	145.00-
2558 SS HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION	FUNCTION TOTAL *			345.00	200.00	145.00-
1 GENERAL FUND	FUND TOTAL **	192,817.00	181,293.85	215,773.00	262,946.00	47,173.00
	DISTRICT TOTAL ****	192,817.00	181,293.85	215,773.00	262,946.00	47,173.00

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
ESTIMATED REVENUE

1993-94	1994-95
12,196.00	
178,975.00	226,853.00
250.00	250.00
13,660.00	15,625.00
4,292.00	5,780.00
	7,438.00
6,400.00	7,000.00
215,773.00	262,946.00

Unreserved Fund Balance

1100	Revenue From Local Sources
1121	Current Appropriations
1510	Interest

3000	Revenue From State Sources
3110	Foundation Aid
3240	Catastrophic Aid Foster Children Aide

4000	Revenue From Federal Sources
4810	Forest Reserve
	TOTAL

Tax Impact

1986	\$22.91
1987	7.90
1988	4.89
1989	7.09
1990	15.22
1991	13.19
1992	16.18
1993	18.55
1994 (Estimated)	23.52

(\$8,436 = \$1.00)
(\$8,655 = \$1.00)
(\$8,700 = \$1.00)
(\$9,160 = \$1.00)
(\$9,465 = \$1.00)
(\$9,500 = \$1.00)

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES
EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For Year Ending June 30, 1993

REVENUE	Budget	Actual
Local Taxes	151,366.00	151,366.00
Interest on Investments	250.00	405.58
Misc. Income		86.54
State Sources		
Foundation Aid	10,103.00	10,103.70
National Forest Reserve	7,000.00	7,429.13
Catastrophic Aid	<u>4,832.00</u>	<u>4,832.46</u>
Total Revenues	173,551.00	174,223.41
EXPENDITURES		
Instruction		
Regular Education	126,070.00	117,937.50
Special Education	39,451.00	36,444.82
Speech	3,601.00	3,239.00
General Administration		
School Board	2,557.00	2,739.33
SAU #23	5,394.00	5,347.00
Transportation		
Contract Services Ins.	<u>15,744.00</u>	<u>15,586.20</u>
Town Expenditures	192,817.00	181,293.85
Excess Expenditures over Revenue		7,070.44
Fund Balance -- July 1, 1992		19,266.20
Fund Balance -- June 30, 1993		12,195.76

BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1993

ASSETS

<u>Current Assets</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	
100 Cash	<u>12,894.76</u>
Total Assets	12,894.76

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

<u>Fund Equity</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	
410 Intergovernmental Payables	573.00
420 Other Payables	126.00
770 Unreserved Fund Balance	<u>12,195.76</u>
Total Fund Equity	12,195.76
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	12,894.76

STATEMENT OF REVENUES
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1993

TAXES

Revenue From Local Sources

Account No.

1121 Current Appropriation 151,366.00

Total Taxes 151,366.00

1500 Earnings on Investments 405.58

1990 Other Local Revenue 86.54

Total Other Revenue from Local Sources 492.12

TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE 151,858.12

Revenue From State Sources

Unrestricted Grants-In-Aid

Account No.

3110 Foundation Aid 10,103.70

Total Unrestricted Grants-In-Aid 10,103.70

Restricted Grants-In-Aid

Account No.

3240 Catastrophic Aid 4,832.46

Total Restricted Grants-In-Aid 4,832.46

TOTAL REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES 14,936.16

Revenue From Federal Sources

Account No.

4800 Revenue In Lieu of Taxes 7,429.13

TOTAL REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES 7,429.13

TOTAL REVENUE 174,223.41

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1992 TO JUNE 30, 1993

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1992	\$12,069.49
Received from Selectmen	\$151,366.00
Balance of Previous Appropriations	459.49
Revenue from State Sources	14,936.16
Revenue from Federal Sources	7,429.13
Received from Tuitions	10,826.22
Received as income from Trust Funds	86.54
Received from all Other Sources	405.58
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$185,509.12
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR	\$197,578.61
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID	\$184,683.85
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1993	\$ 12,894.76

August 27, 1993

Maxine Tyler
District Treasurer

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton, NH of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993 and find them correct in all respects.

August 28, 1993

Dorothy Elliott
Auditor

**TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND CITIZENS OF BENTON, I SUBMIT MY
SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT**

The School Administrative Unit is undergoing some significant changes. In August, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Keith Pfeifer resigned to become Superintendent of Schools in SAU #62, Enfield, N.H. Dr. Pfeifer worked primarily in the Lincoln-Woodstock, Piermont, Warren and Benton School Districts and was the prime architect of our curriculum development and revision process. Recently Mary Vigue, Federal Projects, Chapter I and Gifted and Talented Coordinator also resigned to become the Federal Projects Coordinator for the city of Manchester N.H. Both were excellent members of our administrative team and both will be greatly missed. The SAU #23 Board in an effort to reduce administrative costs decided not to replace Dr. Pfeifer and to hire a part time Chapter I Coordinator, utilizing only federal grant money. The majority of the Board felt that due to the difficult economic times Dr. Pfeifer's and Mrs. Vigue's responsibilities had to be spread between Superintendent McDonald and Assistant Superintendent Nelson. As a result, although each will continue to work in all seven school districts, Dr. McDonald will have primary responsibility for the SAU budget and staff; professional and support staff negotiations in Lincoln-Woodstock and Haverhill, and for the Benton, Lincoln-Woodstock, Piermont, and Warren School Districts. Ms. Nelson will have primary responsibility for professional staff negotiations in Bath and Monroe; State and Federal grants; and for the Bath, Monroe, and Haverhill Cooperative School Districts. Both will continue to be involved in curriculum development and assessment, staff development, and the improvement of instruction.

In November the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School Board voted to request that the New Hampshire Department of Education lift the moratorium on the creation of new SAU's to allow them to withdraw from SAU #23 and create their own School Administrative Unit. The Lin-Wood School Board argued that they could hire their own Superintendent and SAU staff for about the same amount of money they presently contribute to SAU #23. This January, the State Board of Education lifted the moratorium. While the State Board has not made a decision on Lincoln-Woodstock's request, similar requests have been successful in the past. If Lincoln-Woodstock is permitted to establish its own SAU for the 1995-1996 school year the remaining districts will be impacted financially, since Lincoln-Woodstock contributes over 37% of the School Administrative budget.

This year the Benton School District is facing a major budget increase. This is almost entirely due to an increasing student population. The board had to budget for 9.5 additional students for the 1994-1995 school year. We anticipate that 46 students will be attending public schools next year. Benton students attending the

Haverhill Cooperative Middle School noticed some significant changes this year. This summer we welcomed two new members of our leadership team. Sharlene Tracy has joined us as principal and Robert St. Pierre as assistant principal of the middle school. Their leadership has already made a significant difference. I have had a number of Benton parents tell me how pleased they are about the changes that have taken place at the middle school this year.

A new addition to the area, the Haverhill Higher Education Center, is now in full operation at Woodsville High School. The center will offer general education courses as well as some certificate and degree programs. The N.H. Technical College at Berlin, the School for Life Long Learning (UNH) and Plymouth State College will all be offering programs and courses. We are very excited about the opportunities the center has to offer and appreciate the support of our state representatives and the Haverhill Economic Development Council. Without their assistance, the center would not have come into existence to serve our communities. We invite Benton residents to stop by and meet Ms. Kathleen Tiewes, the new director, or call her at 747-2565 or 1-800-445-4525 to see if our programs will meet your needs.

This year four individuals in the SAU received special recognition. Wayne Fortier, Chair of both the SAU and Haverhill School Boards was recognized by the New Hampshire School Administrators Association as their first Champion for Children. Mr. Fortier was selected for his leadership and his contributions to the education and welfare of children. Jane Slayton, Piermont Village School Principal, was selected as the N. H. Elementary Principal of the Year by the New Hampshire Association of School Principals. In October she was presented with the National Distinguished Principal Award in Washington, D.C. Helen Joyce, Assistant Principal, Woodsville High School was selected by the New Hampshire Association of School Principals as the N.H. Assistant Principal of the Year. Mrs. Joyce will be nationally recognized in Chicago, Illinois this winter. Dr. Douglas McDonald, Superintendent of Schools was selected, in February, 1993 as one of the Executive Educator 100 by the Executive Educator Magazine. He was recognized for making a significant difference in the schools within SAU #23.

In closing I would like to thank the citizens of Benton for your continuing support. We have made a lot of positive changes in our SAU over the last seven years and this could not have happened without the commitment and support of the school board, and the community.

It has been a pleasure to work in your community and I am confident that our schools will continue to move forward in the coming years.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas B. McDonald, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools

TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND CITIZENS OF BENTON,
I SUBMIT MY
SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

What a difference a year makes. I can report to you with confidence that our educational programs are thriving under the leadership of eight of the best principals in the state. Along with Dr. McDonald, Phyllis McKenna, our Special Education Director, and Shaun Donahue, our Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Coordinator, we work as an administrative team to share ideas and set priorities for the SAU. Two new principals and a new assistant principal have joined the team this year: Sharlene Tracy, Principal, and Bob St. Pierre, Assistant Principal, of Haverhill Cooperative Middle School, and Michael Foxall, Principal of Warren Village School. They are holding their own among a group of very talented co-workers. In fact, the high level of professionalism, dedication and general good sense of our school leaders is impressive to witness. Fortunately for me, I get to see it often as I travel about the SAU. Our schools are in very capable hands.

Collaborative projects begun a year ago continue to thrive. Five computer courses have been completed under the sponsorship of the School-Business Partnership, a joint SAU #23/Haverhill Economic Coordinating Council (HECC) project. Lin-Wood School is adapting this computer training model for its school community. The Haverhill Higher Education Center, housed at Woodsville High School, is open for business, with several college courses scheduled for the spring. The Success by Six Collaborative, made up of medical professionals, social agencies, the Cooperative Extension, HECC and SAU #23, is learning how to coordinate to support families with young children in our region.

Collaboration has helped us realize how much we share in common. We are all committed to preserving the strengths of our rural region: excellent schools, economically viable communities, and strong families. By pooling our resources and communicating regularly with one another, we can "do more with less." A year in the North Country has taught me the truth of that phrase.

Since we have promised brevity in our report this year, I'll refrain from listing every interesting project that is underway or planned. Instead, I urge you to visit our schools, talk with the principal, teachers and staff, and see your tax dollars at work first hand. I think you'll be pleased. Finally, I extend another year's thank you to colleagues, neighbors and friends throughout SAU #23 whose good humor, wisdom and patience continue to make work in the North Country a special privilege.

Respectfully submitted,

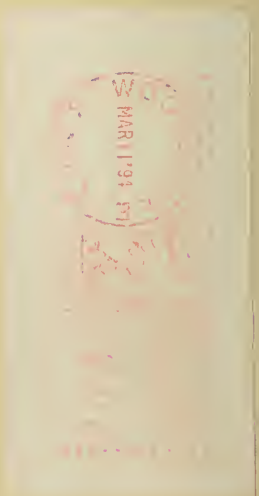
Linda J. Nelson
Assistant Superintendent

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